

MAKING PREPARATIONS.**Meeting at Morrill Hall to Make Arrangements for Laying the Corner Stone of the Normal School Building.**

Last Thursday evening there was a meeting at Morrill hall to make arrangements for laying the corner stone of the normal school building here next Friday afternoon. There was a good turn out and everybody seemed anxious to make the occasion one to be remembered by the people of Silver City and the surrounding country for a long time to come.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fleming who stated the object for which it was called. Prof. Miles acted as secretary.

L. A. Skelly moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to make arrangements, and Ed. White, M. V. Cox, Herbert Martyr, E. M. Young and L. A. Skelly were appointed. Mayor Fleming was afterwards added to the committee.

A committee on invitation was then appointed which consisted of Allan H. Macdonald, Jo E. Sheridan and A. J. Loomis.

It was then decided to give a big dance in the evening and the management of this was given to the Silver social club. The Fort Bayard band will furnish the music for the occasion.

A motion was then made to appoint a committee of ten as a reception committee and the chairman appointed H. H. Betts, Wm. Brahm, Dr. W. H. White, A. B. Laird, H. D. Gilbert, Jackson Agee, M. W. Porterfield, C. L. Cantly, Thomas Foster and Aaron Schutz. John J. Bell was afterwards added to this committee, and it was agreed that the committee should have power to add others to it and appoint a committee of ladies to act as a ladies' reception committee.

A. B. Laird moved that the mayor and city council act as a finance committee to raise funds for defraying the expenses of carrying out the program as decided upon.

Invitations have been extended to the lodges to attend and assist in the ceremonies and a big time is expected. A general invitation is extended to everybody to come and see the corner stone laid which will be done with Masonic ceremonies.

The committee on invitation has sent out a large number of invitations to persons outside of Grant county who might not be reached by the papers. The general invitation extended through the papers was considered sufficient for residents of the county.

The committee on arrangements has about perfected the arrangements for the occasion. The line of march will form on Broadway, in front of Masonic

hall, at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, in the following order:

Fort Bayard Band.

City Council.

Grand Lodge of Masons and escort of Knights Templars and A. F. & A. M.

•Odd Fellows.

Knights of Pythias.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Order of the Eastern Star.

Students of the Normal School, Public School and Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Silver City Fire Department.

Citizens and Visitors on foot and in carriages.

The oration will be delivered by Hon. H. B. Fergusson, of Albuquerque.

Democratic Primary at Pinos Altos.

Pursuant to the call of the precinct committeeman, J. R. Jackson, the democrats of Pinos Altos precinct met at the school house last Saturday evening and elected the following delegates to attend the county convention to be held in Silver City on the 15th inst.: Frank Bell, James Jackson, Wm. Christman, Wm. Pound, J. D. Nolan, A. Hirshberger and Robert Kirker.

The convention then passed the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is with deep sorrow and regret that this meeting has just learned of the sudden death of our esteemed fellow citizen and townsman, T. Stephens. We take this occasion to express our heartfelt grief at his sudden demise and tender his bereaved family our sympathy.

The meeting then adjourned.

Don. H. Kedzie, R. P. Hart and Harry Classen drove over from Lordsburg last week and remained in town three days seeing the elephant. It is supposed that they did not come over on political business.

School Census.

J. A. Lucas has just completed the school census of this district. There are 316 males of school age and 289 females of school age in the district, making a total of 605 as against 535 last year. This not only shows a very creditable increase for the year in the school population, but it also indicates an increase in the population of the town.

Of the total number included in the census are about 40 who have moved in from other precincts to get the benefit of our excellent schools and for whose schooling the people of this district pay taxes. It has been suggested that these children be enumerated in the district from which they came, but this would hardly be fair as the expense of their schooling must be borne by this district.

Last spring a few musk melon seeds were planted among the flower seeds in S. H. Eckles's yard and three of them came up. On the three vines there are now about twenty melons of various sizes. All the soil of New Mexico needs is plenty of water to make it as productive as any place on earth.

P. B. Lady exhibited a pear grown on one of his trees this year which turned the scales at two pounds when it fell from the tree last week. Two or three days later he brought in down town and it weighed then one pound and fourteen ounces. Pretty fair sized pear this.

Wm. F. Lorenz,

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